

Carmel, NY - U.S. Rep. John Hall (D-Dover) announced today that he will be sponsoring a grant writing workshop for local fire departments and EMS organizations on FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010 in New Hampton. The workshop, which is cosponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), aims to teach participants how to write effective applications for federal funding to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program.

The AFG program's overall mission is to support the needs of firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) organizations across the country. Financial aid is available for equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to ensure that fire departments and EMS organizations are well prepared to assist the public and emergency personnel.

"Emergency preparedness, especially at the local level, should be of the highest priority," said Congressman Hall. "This grant workshop will help local fire departments and EMS organizations to obtain the resources they need to keep their communities safe and respond to any potential crises in an efficient, timely, and effective manner."

A FEMA representative will be available at the workshop to provide information and updates about AFG, and advise local organizations on how to submit the strongest application possible. Congressman Hall has cosponsored similar workshops in previous years which have helped local departments obtain these important federal funds. Recent AFG recipients include the Fishkill Fire Department, Glenham Fire District, Kent Fire District #1. The Katonah Fire Department is the most recent grant recipient to have attended one of Rep. Hall's Firefighter Grant Workshops. "One of my responsibilities as a Congressman is to help local organizations obtain federal funds that are available to them. Many local fire departments have been able to submit successful grant applications because of the information they received at one of these workshops," said Hall.

The workshop is open to all Hudson Valley fire and emergency officials. Friday, April 9, 2010
3:00PM

Orange County Fire Training Center

9 Training Center Lane (Room 3)

New Hampton, NY

More information on the AFG program is available at

www.firegrantsupport.com

The announcement for this event can be found online at

<http://www.firegrantsupport.com/content/html/afg/Workshops/Workshops.aspx>